New Mexico PED Online Assessments (Cognia Formative, iMSSA, MSSA and ASR) Technology Preparation for School Year 2022-2023

Chromebook Users

The current iTester Kiosk Chrome app can be used for the 2022-2023 school year for all Chromebooks that will be used to administer interim assessments (beginning with the iMSSA Beginning of Year administration opening on 15 August), any Cognia Formative assessments, and Summative MSSA and ASR assessments in Spring 2023. If the app needs to be updated this year, the app will automatically update when it is launched, therefore no action is required to update the new kiosk app. If the app needs to be installed on a new workstation, download the app from the app store as per instructions in the Kiosk Installation Guide here: https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/cbt-guides/. Information technology staff are advised to complete site readiness testing before any students begin testing with the new iTester Kiosk Chrome app to ensure the site is ready to support online testing. The following Chrome versions will be supported for Fall 2022:

- Chrome OS™ LTS 96 and 102

NOTE: eMetric only supports Chrome OS versions that are released on the Long-Term Support (LTS) channel. The LTS channel offers more stability by reducing the frequency of version updates while continuing to receive regular security updates. More information can be found on the Google support website: https://support.google.com/chrome/a/answer/11333726

Reminder: for iMSSA interim assessments and Cognia Formative assessments, students may also use a browser at https://newmexico.cognia.org/student to access their test. Accessing iMSSA and Cognia Formative assessments using the browser eliminates the need to download and install a kiosk, but it is a less secure testing environment.

For further information on testing using a browser: https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/cbt-guides/

Windows Users

A new Windows kiosk will be required after 17 October 2022. Use the current version of the Windows kiosk (originally made available on 3 August 2021) to administer iMSSA Beginning of Year assessments and Cognia Formative assessments. After 17 October 2022, schools must download the new kiosk from the New Mexico Public Education Department Assessment Portal https://newmexico.cognia.org/ and install on all Windows workstations that will be used to administer interim tests (beginning with the iMSSA Middle of Year administration opening on 5 December 2022), any Cognia Formative assessments administered after 30 September, and Summative MSSA and ASR assessments in Spring 2023. The kiosk will be available for download on 17 October 2022. Information technology staff are advised to complete site readiness testing before any students begin testing with the new Windows kiosk.

For further information on installing the Kiosk: https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/cbt-guides/

The following Windows versions will be supported for Fall 2022:

- Windows 10 (20H2; 21H1; 21H2), Windows 11

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Mac Users

A new Mac kiosk will be required after 17 October, 2022. Use the current version of the Mac kiosk (originally made available on 1 November 2021) to administer iMSSA Beginning of Year assessments and Cognia Formative assessments. After 17 October 2022, schools must download the new kiosk from the New Mexico Public Education Department Assessment Portal https://newmexico.cognia.org/ and install on all Mac workstations that will be used to administer interim tests (beginning with the iMSSA Middle of Year administration opening on 5 December 2022), any Cognia Formative assessments administered after 30 September, and Summative MSSA and ASR assessments in Spring 2023. The kiosk will be available for download on 17 October 2022. Information technology staff are advised to complete site readiness testing before any students begin testing with the new Mac kiosk.

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The following macOS versions will be supported for Fall 2022:

- macOS 10.15.7, macOS 11.6, macOS 12.5; (64-bit only)

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iPadOS Users

The current iTester Kiosk iPadOS app can be used for the 2022-2023 school year for all iPads that will be used to administer interim assessments (beginning with the iMSSA Beginning of Year administration opening on 15 August), any Cognia Formative assessments, and Summative MSSA and ASR assessments in Spring 2023. If the app needs to be updated this year, the app will automatically update when it is launched, therefore no action is required to update the new kiosk app. If the app needs to be installed on a new workstation, download the app from the app store as per instructions in the Kiosk Installation Guide here: https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/cbt-guides/. Information technology staff are advised to complete site readiness testing before any students begin testing with the new iTester Kiosk iPadOS app to ensure the site is ready to support online testing. The following iPadOS versions will be supported for Fall 2022:

- iPadOS 14-15.6

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Operating Systems Supported in Fall 2022:

Requirements – All Hardware	
Connectivity	Student devices must be able to connect to the internet via wired or wireless networks.
Screen Size	9.7" screen size or larger/ "10-inch class" tablets or larger
Screen Resolution	1024 x 768 or larger
Browser Requirements	
Browsers [a] (Used for Practice Test Only)	Chrome™ 103 or newer Firefox® 102 or newer Microsoft Edge 103 or newer Safari® 15 or newer
Desktop and Laptop Specific Requirements	
CPU	1.3 GHz
Memory	2 GB (4 GB is strongly recommended for best performance)
Windows®	Windows 10 (20H2, 21H1, 21H2), 11[b]
macOS®	10.15.7, 11.6, 12.5 (64-bit only)
Tablet and Chromebook Specific Requirements	
iPadOS	14 – 15.6
Chromebook™	Chrome OS™ LTS 96 and 102[c]

a. Text-to-speech on browsers is partially supported.

b. Only in desktop mode. Windows 10 S is not supported.

c. eMetric only supports versions of Chrome OS that are released on the Long-Term Support (LTS) channel.

Additional information on supported systems can be found in the Technology Guidelines here: https://newmexico.onlinehelp.cognia.org/cbt-guides/

Additional Portal and Student Test Interface Kiosk Updates:

- English Text-to-Speech is available on iMSSA Language Arts and Reading Assessments.
- "Read Aloud to Self" is now an accessibility option (previously it was an accommodation).
- Students cannot log in to invalidated test sessions. If a test session is invalidated the student will receive an error message when they select the test session after logging into the student test interface.
- On the student record information tab, the Test Mode option "Both" has been removed. The test mode options for ELA Test Mode, SLA Test Mode, Math Test Mode, and Science Test Mode are now "Paper", "Online", or "Not Applicable". "Both" is also no longer a valid option on Pre-ID upload files.
- Test Report Codes have been updated as follows:

Test Report Code	Number Displayed
Withdrew Before Test Completion	01
Language Exempt Reading Only	03
PED-Approved Medical Exemption - PED approval is not required for iMSSA or Formative	04
Parental Refusal/Non-compliance	05
PED-Approved Test Invalidation - PED approval is not required for iMSSA or Formative	07
Absent During Window/Chronically Absent	08
Other	10